## Micro-Lid For Sealing Sample Reservoirs of micro-Extraction Systems



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## **Project Introduction**

We propose to develop a proof-of-concept **micro-Lid** ( $\mu$ Lid) to tightly seal a micro-sampler or micro-extraction system. Fabrication of  $\mu$ Lid would be conducted in the Detector Development Laboratory (DDL) using Micro-Electrical-Mechanical-Systems (MEMS) processes at NASA GSFC. The goal will be to fabricate  $\mu$ Lid such that it's cantilever is actuated by a mismatch in coefficient of thermal expansion

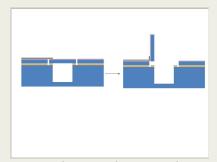
The proposed  $\mu Lid$  system is in effect an attempt to miniaturize an extraction system to a chip-cup system with integrated heaters capable extremley hot temperatures.

The  $\mu Lid$  system will be composed of a silicon cup with a silicon lid, acting as the  $\mu Lid$ . The hinge structure supporting  $\mu Lid$  will be a bilayer composed of metal bilayer that upon a temperature change will actuate the bimetallic cantilever.

## **Anticipated Benefits**

µLid is an Early Stage Innovation project that will help first mature this technology to eventually merge with other center invested technologies.
Moreover, coupling µLid to other on-center microfluidic analytical technologies will allow for further technology maturation. µLid can integrate with other microfluidic instruments to form a more complete miniaturized system.

This projects helps achieve NASA's goal in miniaturization of spaceflight instruments to allow for low cost and enable the opportunity for long range missions.



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Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
Goddard Space Flight Center(GSFC)	Lead	NASA	Greenbelt,
	Organization	Center	Maryland

## **Primary U.S. Work Locations**

Maryland

# Organizational Responsibility

## Responsible Mission Directorate:

Mission Support Directorate (MSD)

#### Lead Center / Facility:

Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

#### **Responsible Program:**

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## **Project Management**

#### **Program Manager:**

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## **Technology Areas**

#### **Primary:**

TX04 Robotic Systems
TX04.3 Manipulation
TX04.3.4 Sample
Acquisition and
Handling



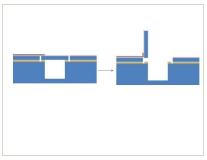
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## **Images**



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## **Project Website:**

http://sciences.gsfc.nasa.gov/sed/

